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**To:** Angela Kennecke

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Angela,

Your request to interview the department's interim secretary has been declined. However, we are willing to answer your questions via email. You will find the department's responses to your questions below in red.

1. What is the state's response to a complaint filed by the worker's union at the SDDC in Redfield?

The South Dakota Department of Human Services does not comment on matters that are in the administrative hearing process.

2. May I get the injury statistics for the past three years at the facility?

Staff injuries at SDDC are categorized and defined in three ways; minor, which requires only first aid and/or monitoring, moderate, which requires medical evaluation by a medical provider and severe, which requires emergency care.

In 2016, a total of 59 staff injuries were reported. Of those 59, 5 were minor, 25 moderate and 29 severe.

In 2017, a total of 64 injuries were reported. Minor injuries rose to 9 and moderate to 42. However, the number of severe injuries dropped to 13.

In 2018, a total of 58 injuries have been reported. Minor injuries have decreased to 7, moderate is the same as 2017 with 42, and severe injuries have decreased to 9.

3. Are there still staffing shortages and turnovers? What is the data on that?

Currently, the South Dakota Developmental Center has 45.5 positions open. SDDC has collaborated with the City of Redfield and surrounding counties to recruit and build their applicant base.

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